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REMARKS

FAX:

Claims 1-25 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting are being unpatentable over a) claims 1-49 of U.S. Patent No. 6,352,761; b) claims 1-27 of U.S. patent No. 6,641,900; and c) claims 1-32 of U.S. Patent No. 6,111,697 in view of WO 95/17303.

The attached terminal disclaimers obviate the obviousness-type double patenting rejections.

A timely allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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